

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, 1930-31.

I. TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.

£1,856,433 decrease £720,654 or 28%.

Since the maximum consumption year of 1926-27 when the Brink Bill was £3,096,470, averaging per inhabitant £5:9:4 there has been a constant annual fall to £2,577,087 - £4:8:10 per head in 1929-30, and the year now under review 1930-31 records the very substantial drop of 28% - the total being £1,856,433 decrease £720,654 and £3:3:9 per inhabitant decrease £1:5:1.

		1926-27	1929-30	1930-31	Decrease
Total Value	£	3,096,470	2,577,087	1,856,433	720,654
Per Head		(£5:9:4)	(£4:8:10)	(£3:3:9)	(£1:5:1)

II. TOTAL QUANTITIES CONSUMED.

Beer (Galls) 3,822,286 - decrease 1,255,171 or 25%.

Spirits (Pf.galls) 55,910 decrease 74,315 or 57%.

Beer. - The consumption per inhabitant was 6.57 gallons, a decrease of 2.18 gallons or 25%. Imported Beer decreased 74% - 69,969 to 18,265 gallons, and Australian Beer decreased 24% from 5,007,488 to 3,804,021 gallons.

Spirits (Pf.galls). - Consumption of Spirits fell by 55% from 0.22 to 0.10 pf. galls per inhabitant. The total quantity in pf. galls. was 55,910 a decrease of 74,315 pf. galls. or 57%. The proportion of Imported Spirits consumed fell by 73% and Australian Spirits by 44%.

Wine. - The annual consumption is estimated at 0.75 gallons per head.

		1926-27	1929-30	1930-31	Decrease
Beer	Galls.	6,382,982	5,077,457	3,822,286	1,255,171
Per Head	"	(11.27)	(8.75)	(6.57)	(2.18)
Spirits	Pf.Galls.	178,856	130,225	55,910	74,315
Per Head	"	(0.32)	(0.22)	(0.10)	(0.12)

III. NET REVENUE.

		1926-27	1929-30	1930-31	Decrease
Customs	£	197,368	142,322	43,661	98,661
Excise	£	992,041	685,275	517,142	168,133
Total	£	1,189,409	827,597	560,803	266,794

IV. DRUNKENNESS.

The convictions for drunkenness for the year numbered 2,577 being 1,714 fewer than the previous year and equal to a decrease of 2.96 per 1,000 inhabitants.

		1926-27	1929-30	1930-31	Decrease
Convictions	No.	6,029	4,291	2,577	1,714
Per 1000 popn.	No.	(10.79)	(7.40)	(4.44)	(2.96)

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